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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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8 May 1985

Minutes .

Two Hundred and Eighty-Third Meeting
Wednesday 1 May 1985, 1002 - 1149 Hours
Room 7D32, Headquarters Building

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Chairman
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert C. Allen, Department of the Navy
LTC George L. Alvarez, U.S. Marine Corps

[] Office of the Secretary of the Air Force []

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Mr. David C. Fields, Department of State
Col. Anthony J. Gallo, Jr., Department of the Army
Mr. Vaughn Holcombe, Department of the Treasury
Col. Robert B. Huey, Jr., Department of the Air Force

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[] National Security Agency

Mr. Jerry Rubino, Department of Justice
Mr. Gary L. Stoops, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mr. Thomas H. Blankenship, Department of Energy
Mr. John F. Cunningham, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Edward Dansereau, Department of the Treasury
Capt. William C. Horn, Department of the Navy

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Mr. Roger H. Robinson, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. Gerald Berkin, Department of the Navy

[] National Security Agency

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Dr. Philip Eckman, Central Intelligence Agency

LTC Preston Funkhouser, Department of the Army

Mr. Richard B. Peterson, Drug Enforcement Agency

Mr. Donald Stigers, Department of State

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Executive Secretary

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Special Briefing

Mr. Leidenheimer, noting statements made by the DDCI in 1984 indicating a desire that SECOM be involved in security to counter terrorism, introduced Mr. Charles Allen, the National Intelligence Officer (NIO) for Terrorism, to speak on the terrorist threat and measures to combat it. [REDACTED]

Mr. Allen said global terrorism is undermining the political relationships that the United States depends upon. The U.S. is the primary target of terrorism worldwide. In 1984, 267 incidents of terrorism were noted - a 100% increase over 1983. The Middle East accounts for about 40% of them. The lethality of attacks is increasing, and terrorism is increasingly spilling over into areas outside the Middle East. He stated that attacks will continue to focus on the U.S., Israel and moderate Middle Eastern states. There is an impression in the Middle East that the West is on the defensive with regard to terrorism. Despite U.S. talk of retaliation, we have not done so, which makes our statements seem like bluster. Mr. Allen noted that our failure to back up our words with action caused terrorism to have a more coercive effect on such Middle East moderates as Jordan. He said European states, especially France and Greece, are permissive toward terrorists. None of our allies is ready to take the steps we have taken against state-sponsored terrorism. Mr. Allen noted SECOM has an interest in security measures here and abroad. He said the most serious problem for the U.S. now is in Lebanon, where Hizbollah (backed by Iran) has the greatest potential for hurting us. The purpose of terrorist attacks there is the removal of all Western influence. Every American, regardless of status, is vulnerable in Lebanon. Some, he said, don't seem to recognize this (e.g., teachers at the American University). [REDACTED]

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Mr. Allen described major functions of the NIO/Terrorism, and recent Community initiatives in counter terrorism. The latter include establishment of the NIO/T position; incident management improvements; intelligence exchanges with foreign security services; improvements in collection management; counter-terrorism analysis; training courses on counter-terrorism; and establishment of the Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism (IICT). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He noted the Flashboard system established for the rapid passage of information on terrorism data. He said it was used the previous night to exchange data on an explosion in Brussels which was initially thought to have some connection with the President's European trip. He mentioned the DESIST archival data base on terrorism. Mr. Allen advised that collection requirements for data on terrorism have been upgraded, and that DIA and NSA are developing training courses on counter-terrorism. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Allen said much more needed to be done to counter terrorism. He stated that more has to be done to improve the ability of the IRT to deploy quickly. HUMINT collection against terrorism needs to be improved. Linguists are needed with fluency in languages/dialects used by terrorists. Covert actions designed to disrupt terrorist efforts need to be developed and applied. R&D to support counter-terrorism needs more emphasis. Such means as facial recognition systems to identify terrorists traveling under false documentation, and predictive measures to forecast terrorist acts need to be explored. He summed up by stating that the terrorist threat is likely to come to the U.S., both through indigenous and foreign groups. He noted the vulnerability to terrorist attack of U.S. power grids, oil pipelines, and similar installations. Mr. Allen said SECOM has an enormous responsibility.

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A question and answer session covered these points:

[REDACTED] noted that the briefing dealt essentially with collection and analysis of intelligence and how we deal with terrorist actions as they occur. He pointed out that prevention of incidents through good security is as important as dealing with the incidents after they occur. He asked what is being done to help security officers become better informed on the terrorist threat and how they can help in a practical way. Mr. Allen acknowledged that we don't seem to be getting practical spin-offs to support government counter-terrorism efforts. He noted that our security measures are focused on guarding against collection by hostile intelligence services. He stressed the vulnerability to terrorist attack of intelligence contractors and ground stations.

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[REDACTED] asked that pre-emption and retaliation be addressed. Mr. Allen said Middle Eastern terrorists may have a perception that our threats to do those things are empty words. He noted the "holy fervor" which may carry terrorists farther than their sponsors may desire. He described some pre-emptive means.

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[REDACTED] asked what psychologists had to say about dealing with suicidal terrorists. Mr. Allen said psychologists believe that if we can talk to terrorists or stop them before they make their final run, we may be able to change their minds. He noted that most persons selected for suicide missions come from poor families and have limited education.

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[REDACTED] asked about Soviet involvement in terrorism. Mr. Allen said he believed that the case can be made that Soviet support for states that sponsor terrorism shows an indirect Soviet role. He noted that Soviet officials in Lebanon, for example, apparently have contact with terrorist groups. He said the Soviets believe that anything that can destabilize the West is to their advantage. He stated that the Soviets have let terrorists travel through territory subject to their control.

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[REDACTED] asked how counter-terrorism measures could be applied against narcotics trafficking. Mr. Allen said some collection resources need to focus on the need to report intelligence on areas that support narcotics trade, such as [REDACTED] collect and report data on corruption of military elites by traffickers. He said we need to identify the links between traffickers and terrorists.

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[REDACTED] thanked Mr. Allen for his informative briefing. [REDACTED]

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Preliminary Comments

The Chairman:

A. Welcomed Gary Stoops as the new FBI member. Mr. Stoops said coming to Washington from Las Vegas was a return to reality. He said he looked forward to working with SECOM. [REDACTED]

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B. Advised that no replacement for [REDACTED] has been nominated. Mr. [REDACTED] said the seminars might have to be discontinued unless a replacement is provided soon. He stressed that everyone on the staff is more than fully occupied now. He noted that [REDACTED] will be managing the next physical security seminar, but that neither he nor the other subcommittee chairmen can be expected to do this on a continuing basis. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] contract on the staff is running out, and that loss of his services will reduce the staff capability to address the leak problem and diminish what little flexibility there is to provide temporary coverage for critical issues and events. [REDACTED]

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C. Reported that Major Hibler convened a meeting of the SLAMMER research group on 30 April and 1 May to explore and agree upon interview and testing methods and approaches. Staffing for the project is almost complete. Cases for review were suggested by CIA, NSA and Army. NSA and CIA nominated experienced officers to participate in the effort. A printout from the Bureau of Prisons listing all incarcerated spies by location was provided by Mr. [REDACTED]

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D. Described high interest compromise and leak matters:

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E. Informed members that the FY-85 R&D and study projects previously approved by SECOM were submitted to the Intelligence Community Staff for concurrence and transfer of funds to executive agents. The first one, for a polygraph evaluation study to be done by NSA, was just approved. Mr. [REDACTED] said the project to study the effect of leaks on operations was deleted because inquiry showed little support for it and lack of firm plans to manage the effort. Funds were reallocated to other projects on the list. He noted that [REDACTED] was now engaged in preparing the response to tasking for the FY-87 budget forecast. [REDACTED]

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F. Asked if members from Defense could provide information on the mid-April hearings on personnel security before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. [REDACTED] said Army testimony the first day seemed well received. He advised that the Army brought in one of its double agents who worked against the Soviets for 10 years to testify about how the Soviets operate. [REDACTED] asked if anyone saw the hearings as having an impact on the overall personnel security program. [REDACTED] noted critical comments at the hearings on U.S. use of foreign national employees and on clearances for immigrant aliens. [REDACTED] observed that the Congress is critical of the personnel security program and deservedly so. He said he was pleased to see Congressional recognition that the Defense Investigative Service needs more resources to do the job assigned it. [REDACTED] said Congress had noted that there seem to be too many requests for clearances. [REDACTED] commented that the hearings gave the General Accounting Office opportunity to voice its philosophy favoring central adjudication of clearances. [REDACTED]

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G. Advised that the dates for the 1985 SECOM executive seminar had been switched from 12-13 November to the following Monday and Tuesday, 18-19 November, still at [REDACTED]. He noted that the SECOM Christmas lunch is scheduled for 18 December at the Ft. McNair Officers Club. Additional space is available this year - 70 persons can be accommodated, making it possible for many subcommittee personnel to attend. [REDACTED]

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H. Reported that he and the Chairman and Executive Secretary of SECOM's Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee (TSCS) recently briefed PFIAB staff members on what TSCS does. A question was why PFIAB didn't hear more about this organization. [REDACTED] said their response explained that the subcommittee maintained a low profile in the interest of good

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security. He stated that the briefing was well received, and that they have been asked to brief PFIAB members on the subject on 8 May. [REDACTED]

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I. Noted that nominations had been received from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, DIA and NSA for persons to participate in the one-day, highlights version of the personal security training course offered by CIA. Mr. [REDACTED] noted that this was intended as a demonstration for SECOM members, and that the little more than 10 attendees nominated weren't enough to justify giving the course. He encouraged more participation, and said further nominations should reach him by the close of business that day. He provided administrative information on the course. [REDACTED]

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J. Summarized highlights of the 24 April meeting to discuss concerns about implementation of the 4C system:

- System participants are working on an abbreviated and simplified version of the 4C users' manual.

- Procedures have been initiated to simplify use of the system. These were explained at the meeting.

- The system manager is exploring the possibility of granting limited access to SCI contractor files to permit determination of such things as the date of a subject's DCID 1/14 investigation.

- Funding for the second phase of the system was discussed. The DIA communications element agreed to fund installation and maintenance of the equipment.

- Participants agreed to meet periodically in the future. [REDACTED]

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K. Said the Arms Control Intelligence Staff recently requested support. [REDACTED] noted that DIA and CIA assisted in providing on short notice a paper on the security implications of "nuclear risk reduction centers," joint U.S.-USSR facilities to avert international incidents, provide warnings of military exercises, missile tests, etc. He complimented Ms. [REDACTED] for their good work in drafting the paper. [REDACTED]

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L. Asked members who had not already done so to review the vu-graphs used in briefings on SECOM and to provide updated information for them. He indicated briefings for new SECOM associates will be scheduled when the updated vu-graphs are received. [REDACTED]

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ACTION: SECOM members who have not responded to the request in SECOM-D-079 dated 22 March 1985 are requested to do so by 17 May 1985. [REDACTED]

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ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 3 April 1985, were approved subject to a minor change requested by [REDACTED] concerning the number of firms subject to foreign ownership, control or influence. A copy of the corrected page is attached. [REDACTED]

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ITEM 2 New Business

A. [REDACTED] said the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs in State had asked for guidance on dealing [REDACTED]. He noted Mr. [REDACTED] response to Mr. Doig's request for information bearing on an international conference [REDACTED] on security and TSCM matters, and asked if a more flexible position was possible. [REDACTED] advised that his response was not a SECOM disapproval of such discussions, but was a citation of White House policy which seemed to apply in spirit if not in letter to the situation at issue. Participation in such a conference would have the appearance of being out of step with U.S. policy. He stressed that the Department of State is at liberty to seek further interpretation of that policy to meet situations of particular interest to State. [REDACTED]

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B. [REDACTED] discussed measures to ensure that Community agencies can determine if persons under their security cognizance have had their clearances/access approvals revoked or denied by another agency. [REDACTED]

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C. [REDACTED] reported on a new product briefing available to members concerning an image and document storage system which appears to have some security benefits. A copy of his memorandum on this matter is attached. Mr. [REDACTED] advised of progress on the pilot DIA polygraph program. Two hundred and fifty DIA personnel holding special access approvals have been selected on a random basis for polygraph examination covering counterintelligence issues. He noted that an initial orientation on this was provided DIA personnel on 30 April. Comments and reactions there displayed ignorance of the polygraph.

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D. [REDACTED] asked what had happened to the draft letter for the DCI to send DIRNSA on the Countermeasures Advisory Panel, and to the draft DCID on TSCM. [REDACTED] said the DDCI was holding both items for further consideration. [REDACTED]

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E. [REDACTED] advised of new general officers in charge of intelligence for the Air Force and Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. Peroots and Brig. Gen. Brett, respectively. [REDACTED]

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F. [REDACTED] reported that the FBI planned to establish the first magnetic tape-to-tape link to speed up the process of handling very large numbers of requests for National Agency Checks of FBI files. [REDACTED]

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G. [REDACTED] described ongoing efforts to satisfy the requirements of the Privacy Act with regard to inquiries to the 4C system. [REDACTED]

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H. [REDACTED] said he is very pleased that the Secretary of the Navy and other senior officials in his department have recently stated their public support for good security. [REDACTED]

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I. Mr. Leidenheimer advised of the availability of a videotape of Christopher Boyce's testimony before the Senate on personnel security. Those wishing to borrow this should contact him. [REDACTED]

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J. [] reported that the Intelligence Research and Development Council formed a Technical Advisory Forum. The Forum is recommending support of security R&D, and is seeking good projects to back. []

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ITEM 3 Next Meeting

The Chairman scheduled the next regular meeting for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, 29 May 1985, in room 7D32, CIA Headquarters. []

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Attachments:

- A. DIA memo, New Product Briefing
- B. Corrected page April Minutes

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